



## ***JUDICIAL PROFILE***

**Michael D. Jones** became a Superior Court judge in September 1995, and is currently assigned to preside over lower court appeals and administrative appeals. He began his court career in 1987 as a judge pro tem for Justice Court. He then became a fulltime Superior Court Commissioner beginning in 1988, serving in that capacity until his appointment as a judge. While attending the University of Arizona Law School, he augmented his classroom instruction with jobs in the Pima County Public Defender's Office and the Arizona Attorney General's Office. After being admitted to the bar, he spent one year with the Tucson City Prosecutor's Office, then moved to the State Attorney General, Criminal Appeals Section. There he handled several death penalty appeals before the Arizona Court of Appeals and Arizona Supreme Court. He also worked in the Maricopa County Attorney's Office, with assignments in the Major Felony and Sex Crimes units.

Judge Jones is currently the president of the Maricopa County Bar Association. He has volunteered countless hours to the Maricopa County Bar Association, serving in a leadership role on the Board of Directors, and working with several committees focused on diverse issues, including continuing legal education, technology and by-laws. In 1995, he received the Maricopa County Bar Association's Public Lawyer of the Year Award. Since 1996, Judge Jones has been involved in new judge orientation for the Arizona Judicial College. He was also an adjunct professor at the Arizona State University College of Law and was on the faculty of the American Academy of Judicial Education.

